

world" programs were not retired when she took her much deserved retirement but have continued on under new and equally committed leadership as this organization works to be accessible to female and minority students, who have traditionally been underrepresented in the STEM world. The vision of WNY STEM Hub is to create an environment where students of all backgrounds and genders can maximize their individual potential. Dr. Kavanaugh has truly dedicated herself to this mission through her determination to inspire local youth and encourage adults to share their time and talent. Under her leadership, involved students serve as evidence and inspiration that the Buffalo Niagara region can prepare some of the best U.S. scientists and engineers for our nation's future.

Thank you, Madam Speaker, for allowing me to acknowledge Dr. Michelle Kavanaugh's inspiring career here as she was recognized for her significant contributions at the WNY STEM Hub Annual Meeting on November 10, 2020. We are truly indebted to her for ensuring increasing opportunities and a brighter future for Western New York's students.

#### RECOGNITION OF JAMES K. NEILL

##### HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 16, 2020*

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of Jamie Neill who will be leaving my office at the end of this month. My staff and I have been very fortunate to have him in our office and our lives as he is a terrific staffer and incredible person.

Jamie first started in my office as an intern in 2012. His willingness to do hard work made a very strong impression and the fact he is a genuinely nice person was a bonus. We kept our eye on Jamie's career and were fortunate to bring him back full time in 2013.

Since then he has grown in his legislative role taking on increasing responsibilities of scope and importance to my district and the country. He has done a tremendous job working on healthcare, agriculture and resource issues for the past eight years and has achieved many successes.

Jamie played a critical role in crafting and passing both the Farm Workforce Modernization Act and the Great American Outdoors Act. True to Jamie's nature, no problem or legislative obstacle was too great to overcome through ingenuity and hard work. Jamie's kind and honest demeanor kept people working together and allowed great accomplishments to happen.

I will miss Jamie tremendously, but am very pleased he will be residing and working in Boise so he will not be too far away. I congratulate Jamie on a job well done, and wish him best of luck in his future endeavors.

#### IN HONOR OF WARREN V. DEMIER

##### HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 16, 2020*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Warren V. DeMier of

Huntingdon County for his service in the United States Army. Warren is an outstanding Pennsylvanian, and I am grateful for his service to our nation, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and our community.

In Pennsylvania and across the country, our veterans have served and sacrificed for Americans' freedom and our values. They answered the call to serve and fight for us—at a great cost. Truly, our veterans are the best of America.

In Congress, it is my privilege—and my responsibility—to stand up for those who have served our country in uniform, as well as to recognize these brave Americans. As a nation, we are indebted to them. On behalf of the 13th Congressional District, I thank Warren for his service to our nation and our community.

#### HONORING THE 2020 WOMEN OF THE YEAR

##### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 16, 2020*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 2020 Women of the Year. The honorees represent some of the most outstanding and dedicated women in the 3rd Congressional District. Nominated by their peers, these women and the leadership they have provided are being recognized for playing an integral and crucial role in improving the lives of everyone in their communities. This year, we mark the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing and protecting women's constitutional right to vote. Since then, our nation has seen women take great strides in every American industry from business to politics to the arts. This progress has not come easy and many women who have come before have worked hard and strived to achieve the independence and rights women have today. Though there is more work to be done to ensure that women have equal pay, flexible work schedules, and affordable education, each of the honorees will be a vital part of the of the work to get there.

2020's Women of the Year are:

Judi Booe is a long-time community supporter whose impact is seen and felt by many. As a semi-retired administrative staff member for the Collinsville Levee District, Judi works closely with community members and vendors. Formerly a resident of both Las Vegas, NV and Richmond, VA, Judi's community influence has followed wherever she has been. She is a supporter and board member of many local nonprofits in her community, including the Solano Symphony, Child Haven, Habitat for Humanity, the Vaca Arts Council, and so many others. Her dedication, compassion, and expertise make her well suited to the work she does assisting non-profits to review their by-laws and maintain crucial records. Judi has a generous heart and is the first to offer guidance or direction in any given situation. She leads by example in every setting and is an inspiration to all her peers. Her drive and generosity have earned her numerous awards, including the Solano Symphony League 2015 Volunteer of the Year, the Women's Club of Summerlin 2004 Award of Excellence, Habitat for Humanity Volunteer of the Year, and the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue

Department Citizen of the Year award. Judi's leadership has made a positive impact on non-profits and community organizations across the country.

Wendy Breckon is a dedicated public servant who is tirelessly committed to improving her community. Wendy began her public service as an environmental specialist for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, before deciding to pursue a law degree. As an attorney, she continued her governmental work, both prosecuting and defending administrative cases for state agencies, and reviewing contracts. She recently retired as an Administrative Law Judge for the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board. She is an expert on employer tax cases and used her expertise to educate other judges on the subject. Wendy is the founder and current chair of the Vacaville Community Association, an organization which advocates for increased transparency and accountability in local government. Under her leadership, the group was instrumental in bringing about policy change at the city level. Wendy also helped found Vacavillians for Fiscal Health and continues to lend her expertise on governmental budgets to the organization, advocating for fiscal accountability at the city level. Wendy's dedication to public service, civic engagement, and improving her community is an inspiration to all her peers.

Aimee Brewer is a guiding force in her community with a passion for ensuring that all individuals live healthy, productive lives. She has put this passion to work at NorthBay Healthcare Group, a community-based organization that takes in everyone in need of care, regardless of their financial situation. It is her true calling to make a difference in her patients' lives every day. As president of the NorthBay Healthcare Group, her leadership has led to the launch of neurosurgery and robotic surgery programs, the advent of two community urgent care clinics, and the opening of a new state-of-the-art hospital wing. During the early weeks of the COVID-19 outbreak, Aimee lead the NorthBay Command Center team and maintained critical relationships with local, state, and federal agencies, where she promoted the first and most robust safety measures of any hospital. Throughout the pandemic, she has been an integral part of her community's COVID-19 response. Her leadership also stretches beyond the NorthBay Healthcare Group to many community organizations. She serves as Chair of the Solano Coalition for Better Health, Section Chair of the Northern & Central California Hospital Council, and a member of the board for Touro University California, Partnership HealthPlan, and the Solano Economic Development Corporation. Aimee brings strong leadership, boundless compassion, and unwavering generosity to all she does.

Ms. Brenda Cameron is a selfless community servant who has dedicated her time and energy to countless youth organizations across her community. When not working in the UC Davis Evolution and Ecology Department as a lab manager, she has spent her time volunteering with organizations such as the Davis Senior High School Grad Night, Davis youth baseball and softball leagues, the Davis Comic Opera Company, and the Girl Scouts of the USA. Over the years, Brenda has worked closely with the Davis Girl Scouts and the Girl Scouts Heart of Central California